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The Sworn Bona-fide Circulation of Clovis News is 1,716

LONG DROUGHT IS BROKEN BY BIG SOAKING RAINS

Will be Worth Half Million Dollars to Curry County.
Means Another Year of Prosperity.

Who said Clovis was a dry town? Those who saw the rivers of water racing through the streets Sunday night, and the ponds standing in vacant lots could imagine they were in the City of Venice just as easily as in Clovis, New Mexico. To a newcomer who thought it couldn't rain in this country it was a revelation.

The worst drouth that has prevailed in Eastern New Mexico in many years was effectively broken by a six days soaking rain. The rain was general throughout the plains country. It started to rain on Thursday and kept it up until Tuesday morning. The wind blew a gale and it rained all Saturday night, Sunday and Monday night there was another downpour.

According to the local weather bureau there was 7.03 inches of rainfall during the six days distributed as follows: Thursday .83 inches, Friday .30 inches, Saturday 3.00 inches, Sunday .80 inches, Monday 1.90 inches, and Tuesday .20 inches. This makes a total of 7.03 inches of rainfall in six days.

The rain came just in the nick of time to save the row crops,

but it came nevertheless, and will insure plenty of feed for the winter months. The farmers and stockmen are happy, for it means good grass on the range which will fatten the cattle before winter sets in.

The moisture in the ground will be worth half a million dollars or more, to Curry County. It is almost inestimable. There is an excellent season in the ground for wheat planting, and with the acreage nearly double that of last year, it is easy to see what it means to the people of the county.

This is the first good soaking rain since last April, and it was a welcome one. The farmers and stock growers are jubilant and the people are in high spirits. It means another year of prosperity to Clovis and Curry County.

From the weather bureau reports, the big rain storms that swept Curry County first of the week were caused by the tropical hurricane that struck Corpus Christi and Brownsville, Texas, Friday night. After striking the Texas coast the great storm curved to the Northwest and spent its force over the plains of Eastern New Mexico.

LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY PAPER IN EASTERN NEW MEXICO

And Only Three Cities in Entire State Have Papers That Surpass It.

The sworn bona-fide circulation of the Clovis News is 1,716.

It is with considerable degree of pride that the News makes this announcement. Pardon us if we blow our horn a little, as the old adage goes: "He that tooteth not his own horn, the same shall not be tooted." We believe that advertisers and the people of Clovis and Curry county have a right to know just what the circulation of the News is.

The first question prospective advertisers ask of a newspaper is "What's your circulation?" It is only right and proper that they should know. The day of buying a "pig in a poke" is over. A newspaper's stock in trade is its advertising space, and the advertising public is entitled to know just what they are getting for their money.

The News is the oldest paper in Clovis, having been estab-

lished in 1906 when the town was started. It is now in its tenth year and has constantly forged ahead until it has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern New Mexico.

A circulation of 1,716 copies in a new town and a new country is a big list.

According to Lord and Thomas' newspaper directory of 1916, published in Chicago, which is considered eminent authority, there are but three cities in the state that have newspapers with circulations larger than the Clovis News. They are Albuquerque, Las Vegas and Santa Fe.

It may be interesting to the people of Clovis to know that its home paper, the Clovis News has the largest circulation of any newspaper in the state outside of these three cities.

The sworn statement of the bona-fide circulation of the News is given below. Read it.

What The News Has!

The CLOVIS NEWS has an actual bona-fide circulation of 1,716 and the books are open to prove it. See the affidavit below:

News Circulation Statement

State of New Mexico } ss.
County of Curry }

C. C. Buckingham, being duly sworn on this 21st day of August, 1916, upon his oath, deposes and says that he is the manager of the Clovis News, a weekly newspaper published at Clovis, Curry County, New Mexico, deposes and says that said newspaper has a bona-fide circulation of 1,716 copies.

Signed: C. C. Buckingham.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 21st day of August, 1916.

Fred W. James, Notary Public.

My commission expires April 12, 1917.

The News Offers Advertisers

NEARLY DOUBLE the circulation (and for the same money) of any other paper in Curry county. This is worthy of serious consideration by every business house in Clovis.

Nebraska Man Seeks Information About Clovis

The News has received the following letter from E. E. Tingley one of its subscribers at Shelton, Nebraska:

"Will you please inform me through the columns of your paper what the population of Clovis is, and what is its altitude. What is the average yearly rainfall, and what months have the heaviest precipitation? What is the average yearly temperature, and the extreme heat and cold?"

Clovis has a population of 5,000, and its altitude is 4,200 feet above sea level. The average yearly rainfall is 22 inches, this has been the average for the past ten years. Good rains are look for in July and August and in the winter months. This summer has been an exception however in regard to rainfall. Very little rain fell in July, but August is showing up better. An inch rainfall was recorded in Clovis last Thursday night.

This has been the dryest year in ten years, although there was a good wheat crop which made from 10 to 20 bushels per acre, and the row crops will make plenty of feed for the winter.

From best reports the average yearly temperature is about 60 degrees. The hottest weather is from 98 to 100 degrees, which is unusual, and the coldest is around zero, which is very rare. With our high elevation we enjoy the best of climate, it being neither of the extremes, too hot or too cold. This is the finest climate in the world.

J. G. Griffith, a farmer residing near Hollen, was a recent caller at the News office. Mr. Griffith has lived in Curry county during the past ten years having come here from Illinois. He says this is the best country in the world and only regrets that he did not come here sooner. Mr. Griffith makes Clovis his trading point, although it is 34 miles from his home.

CURRY COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS AFTER GOLD MEDAL

Ten Club Members In Agricultural Extension Work to Attend Encampment at Albuquerque.

The boys and girls of Curry County who are interested in club work will be pleased to know that L. C. Mersfelder, State Supervisor of Industrial Education, will award a Gold Medal to the boy or girl winning highest honors this year by the close of the fair at Albuquerque. Mr. Mersfelder writes that he is expecting the Curry County boys and girls as usual to be right at the top. He advises that the boys and girls throughout the state are manifesting more interest in club work this year than ever before.

The people of Curry county can point with pride to the fact that outside of the counties with paid agents in agricultural extension work, this county leads

the list in point of club enrollment and ranks among the best in actual club work.

County Superintendent of Schools J. M. Bickley, has taken a leading part in the club work of Curry County and much credit is due him for the large enrollment and interest taken by the young folks of the county.

Ten boys and girls from Curry County will get a free trip to the ten days encampment held at Albuquerque this year. They will be chosen as the winners in club work, and the expenses of the trip will be paid by the county. Many of the boys and girls are working hard to get this trip. The winners will be announced in the News at a later date.

CLOVIS' NEW WELL COULD WATER A CITY OF 20,000

Will Save the City \$2,000 a Year in Fuel, Up-keep and Labor....Well About Completed.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new well being bored by the city for the water works system, and it will soon be completed.

The well is said to be the largest one ever drilled in the United States with a rotary machine. The total depth is 515 feet. The first 245 feet is cased with a 36 inch pipe placed in a 40 inch hole. The next 110 feet has a 14 inch casing, and an 8 inch pipe goes the rest of the way, which is 160 feet.

The main shaft will have an elevator just like a large office building with capacity for one passenger. The well is now completed with the exception of the large room which is now being dug out at a depth of 225 feet. This room will be 15 to 20 feet square and will be lined with concrete. From this cavity the water will be pumped to the surface by a large centrifugal pump.

Few people realize the importance of this great well. It is attracting more attention apparently outside of Clovis than it is in the city. Albuquerque parties are watching it with a view of drilling one there. Amarillo has already sent some city officials to investigate it and the Santa Fe railroad may put one down.

Credit for this big enterprise is due G. W. Chalfant, Superintendent of Public Works. He has worked long and faithfully for its success. He knows what a hard job it is to keep the machinery in running order on the five small wells which now supply the city with water. The new well will have a normal capacity of pumping 400,000 gallons a day, which can be increased to a million gallons a day if the occasion demands it. The new well will save the city \$2,000 a year in fuel, upkeep

and labor. The old wells will be held in reserve but will not be used after the completion of the big one.

Mr. Chalfant says in making the big well, the city is building for the future. He thinks it will have a capacity large enough to furnish water to a city of 15,000 to 20,000 inhabitants.

John Luikart at Home

Lieutenant John Luikart of Company "K" spent the week in Clovis among friends and relatives, and was glad to get back home for a few days. He reports the Clovis boys on the border getting along nicely, and are always anxious to hear from home.

Lieutenant Luikart is in sympathy with the movement to raise a mess fund for the boys at the front. He says that the boys have plenty of plain food, but have no little delicacies which they are accustomed to at home and that chicken would be considered a luxury. For this reason he thinks the mess fund is a worthy movement, and one that would be highly appreciated by all the boys in Company "K." Other towns and cities all over the country are raising mess funds for the boys from home and many towns smaller than Clovis have made nice contributions.

Miss Thyrsa Johnson of Roosevelt county, among hundreds of teachers examined this summer at Santa Fe made a grade of 100 per cent. Only one other made this record. Miss Johnson spelled fifty words correctly, placed the correct diacritical marks for all the vowels and consonants, marked and accented a group of seven words, and gave two rules that are useful in spelling.

PANDOLFO BOUND OVER TO THE GRAND JURY

Later All Parties Concerned Agree on Settlement and Matter Will Be Dropped.

The case of S. C. Pandolfo, organizer of the Pan Motor Car Company, came up for hearing in Clovis Tuesday afternoon before Justice Noble. Pandolfo was charged with making damaging statements concerning the Clovis National Bank and some of its officials.

The action grew out of the memorable gathering held in this city on the night of July 19 at the Elks auditorium, when considerable charges and accusations were indulged in by prominent citizens of Clovis and Promotor Pandolfo.

At the preliminary hearing Pandolfo was bound over to the grand jury under a bond of \$500, which was furnished. The grand jury convenes the fourth Monday in September.

A large crowd was present at the preliminary hearing which offered considerable merriment to the spectators, who were called down once by the court for laughter. Mr. Pandolfo was present attired in a palm beach suit and a radiant smile, and was in close consultation with his attorney W. A. Gillenwater during the proceedings. Attorney A. W. Hockenbush represented the plaintiff.

AGREED ON SETTLEMENT

Tuesday evening after the preliminary hearing of Pandolfo, a meeting was held by all parties concerned and it was agreed that the suits filed by both sides be dropped. As a result the two

suits filed in the district court by Pandolfo against the Clovis National Bank and Alex Shipley, its president, and the one against the Clovis Journal will be dismissed. Likewise the suit filed against S. C. Pandolfo will be dismissed. All parties concerned have agreed to terminate legal procedure at its present stage of development.

Stranger Badly Injured

E. P. Friend, aged 42 was badly injured last Tuesday night when he fell from a moving freight train, in the Santa Fe yards. Friend alleges that he was thrown from the train by trainmen. His injuries consist of a broken collar bone and some fractured ribs. He was taken to the Santa Fe hospital for treatment. Friend was a stranger here and was said to be taking a free ride on a freight train.

Fireman Eversole Dies

R. B. Eversole, aged 24, the young Santa Fe fireman who was injured in a wreck in the valley several weeks ago died Thursday night at the Santa Fe hospital in Clovis. The body was prepared for burial by C. V. Steed the undertaker, who shipped the remains to Harrons, Ohio, the old home of the deceased.

Elbert Ramay entertained his little friends Thursday in honor of his fourth birthday.